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Notices of Firms.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence of Mr. JAS. B. COUGHRAN from the Colony, Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE STOKES has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

Hongkong, March 11, 1881. ap11

NOTICE.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALL has been authorized to SIGN the Firm per Procuration.

SIEBSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881. ap3

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE 12-FOOT CUTTER YACHT "PINAFORE," as she lies at her Mooring, opposite Wellington Barracks. She is in thoroughly good repair, and ready for use.

For further Particulars, apply at this Office.

Hongkong, March 17, 1881. mr31

FOR SALE.

AN IRON STEAMER RIVER STEAMER, with Hurricane Deck, and of the following Dimensions and Description:—170 Feet Long, 27 Feet Beam, 11 Feet Depth of Hold, 60 Horse Power.

Will Carry 400 Tons Measurement Cargo, besides Chinese Passengers, on an 8-foot draught of water, and Steam 8 knots on 4 tons Coal per day.

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Post Office. Hongkong, March 17, 1881. mr31

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A FEMALE DONKEY, suitable for Carrying CHILDREN.

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China Mail Office. Hongkong, March 17, 1881.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$16 per doz. Case.

Pints.....\$17 per doz. Case.

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THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31, WILKINSON STREET.

ROOMS IN CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 46, PEARL STREET, below CHINESE HOUSE, has been thoroughly repaired.

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TO LET.

"BROOKHURST," Mount Gough, HONGKONG.

AS an Excellent LAWN TENNIS GROUND attached, and a good view on the North and South Sides of the Island. The Furniture can be taken over at a valuation should the Tenant so wish.

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GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-Class GODOWNS.

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(FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, WITH POSSESSION OF THE FIRST OF MAY A.C.)

THE HOUSE, PALA EAST, No. 11, at present in the occupation of the Undersigned. Either the whole House or in Flats.

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TO LET.

ON Market Lot No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

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GODOWN-TO-LET.

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KELLY & WALSH.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A. B. C. TELEGRAPH CODES. A great Quantity of NOVELTIES, suitable for Presents, from Vienna, Paris and London.

Noel's "Flight of the Lapping." Anthea's "Cameos Laid," 2 Vols. Holmholts' "Popular Scientific Lectures."

Froude's "English in Ireland." New TAUCHNITZ NOVELS, including "The Book of Eminent Scotsmen." Mullhall's "Progress of the World."

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Entertainment.

THEATRE  ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE
A PERFORMANCE
THIS EVENING,
the 18th March,
IN AID OF SOME OF THE LOCAL CHARITIES

-of-
 A
"CUP OF TEA."
 A COMBINATION IN ONE ACT.
 A
"HAPPY PAIR."
 AN ORIGINAL COMBINATION IN ONE ACT.
 Scenes from Brimley Sheridan's Celebrated
 Comedy,
"THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."
 Admission, \$2, by Tickets only.
 Performance commences at 9 P.M. PUNO
 TUALITY.
 Seats to be secured and Tickets obtained
 at Messrs LARK, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and
 after 8 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst.
 Hongkong, March 18, 1881.

CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

THE GREAT HIT OF THE SEASON
FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT,
MONDAY,
the 21st March.

FIRST APPEARANCE
of

Hudson's
Surprise
Party

Who will introduce one of the most Novel
and Interesting Performances that has
ever visited
HONGKONG.

Prices of Admission:

Dress Circle and Stalls.....	\$2.00
Back Seats.....	\$1.00

Seats may be secured and Tickets obtained
at Messrs KELLY and WAUGH'S.

H. SANTLY,
Business Agent.

Hongkong, March 17, 1881.

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Now Ready

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The Curious Inscription at Macao.
The Aryan Origin of the Cambodian
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大紅紙
"Tham."
Stone Lions.
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Hongkong, March 18, 1881.

FOR MANILA.
The Steamship
"Diamond,"
Captain CULLEN, will
be despatched for the ab-
ove Port on MONDAY, the 21st Instant,

* p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.
Hongkong, March 18, 1881.

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS
The P. & O. S. N. C.
Steamship
"Acoca"
will leave for the above
places on or about the 1st Proximo.
A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 18, 1881.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 17, *Yettong*, British steamer,
Goggin, Tourn March 12, and Hoihow
General.—KWOK ACHONG & SONS.

March 17, *Haidong*, British steamer,
Hunter, Hoihow March 16; General
DOUGLAS LAPOSTOLLE & Co.

March 18, *Wells*, German steamer,

DEPARTURES.
CLEARED.
Namon, for Coast Forts.
Kolamaye Mary, for Kobe, etc.
Honae, for Newchwang.
Schuan, for Tientsin.
Hsiaoong, for Swatow.
Cassimuir, for Singapore.

It may not possibly be fair to
upon the Executive any blame in con-
nection with the lack of communication
in this busy city. A proposal has
certainly been made to start a
the Gap, and the fact has been
shown that it has been under-
stood that the length of the
city from East to West would be
traversed by tramways in view
of the cold and unappreciative manner
which smaller improvements are receiv-
ed, it would perhaps be too much to
expect that any ambitious scheme
for the development of the Colony
command the active support of the
Executive. When public works
most closely affect the welfare of

community are snuffed ever. Ever y
and the history of Governor Henshaw
specie displays a "pale" blank in
regard to public works of utility. It
be useless to look for that enormous
moment which a discerning Governme
is ever ready to bestow upon pu
energy and enterprise. The amount
"consistation," or "pigeon-holing"
which is devoted to most propo
that require official sanction has be
a subject for jest by the common
and it must be admitted that, v
regarded in the light of successful
government, the jest is grim and un
come to a degree."

of a wharf, and the wharf, of a different kind, may be the same, in the manner in which the proposed new wharf for the P. & O. Company has been received. It is intended to construct a wharf in front of the offices of this Company, at which the larger steamers could load and be discharged. In these days of rapid changes, rendered necessary by the developments of commerce and accelerated by the progress of the steamship and mail contracts, it is desirable that an important interest should be considered. The wharf, at the outer end, would require to be large enough to enable the new English mail steamers to come alongside and discharge.

It is not necessary that it should be tried out to obtain a sufficient quantity of water. Plans have, we have been prepared; and they have been favourably reported upon by two officials most interested, viz., Mr. Thomson (the Harbour Master) and Hon. J. M. Price (Surveyor General). Everything appeared to be satisfactory until the Private Secretary (Rev. Eitel) was called upon by his Excellency to report upon the matter. The official—who, we understand, has to report upon nearly every officialness that arises—made an investigation into the feelings of the Chinese people, and he then reported that

strange and almost indifference to a scheme before, a petition soon made its appearance against the proposed change. One of the main points in this petition is said to be that the wharf will not only interfere with native boats proceeding from the Canton Steamer Wharf to the Central Market, but upon a date being applied for a month to this effect, the allegation has been found to be erroneous. Even admitting, however, that a certain modicum of inconvenience has been gathered together and placed before His Excellency as likely to result from the removal of a wharf being built, certainly the advantages to be derived from the scheme are so numerous and so great that the proposed change is well worthy of consideration.

anyone who has been through the experience of being "kicked out" of a building because of his or her insignificant status, which requires to be hunted up before they can get forward, can be pitted against enormous convenience offered by the safe refuge accommodation suggested. Anyhow, it appears that the Company-whistle has drowned the O. orchestra for the time being. The Company, in addition to saving great loss from delay, will now be enabled to obtain the sanction at once which is denied them in this case. The community will be glad to hear that they have received permission to construct the wharf simultaneously with the fine building which will house the ship and fire-water-lift system.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The **ENGLISH MAIL** is now due on **FRIDAY** at 10 o'clock, and will contain the **11th** day's edition dated to the **11th** day of **SEPTEMBER**.

Major Arthur Hale, of the **27th** **REGIMENT**, has just arrived from Yokohama by the **Kokonos Maru** and will leave for San Francisco, on twelve o'clock train, tomorrow morning, on leave of absence. Major Hale is a native of New York, and has been in Hongkong, about twelve months, being detailed to the post by the **Tyde**. His commission expires on the 1st of **SEPTEMBER**.

from October 1873. Since he
the Regiment he has been held
esteem both by the officers and me-
corps, and there is no doubt that his
wishes and the good wishes of all
him will go with him on his leaving

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While the case of cruelty to a
spoiled of the other day by the Chief
is little fresh in our minds, and
case of even a more inhuman
is before the Court, a paragraph
to hand in Indian papers of a
median youth, about sixteen years

who was charged at the Calcutta Court, the other day, with committing grievous hurt, inasmuch as he branded his wife, a girl of about 15 years of age, with a red hot iron on the face and various parts of her body. The Defendant admitted the charge, saying so because the girl was given to him; when reconnected with her by a neighbour, he had the impulse remark that she was his wife, should he not do it. His Worship sentenced the accused to one rigorous imprisonment, and bound him to the good behaviour of the community.

in the sum of Rs. 60 to keep it towards her for three months, that he would very soon put a stop wife-branding practice. He also veried strongly on the custom which valied of giving children in marriage

At Glasgow: _____

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£1,420,000
 PERMANENT RESERVE.....£1,230,000
 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£1,263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 8th April, 1880.....£1,913,268

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
 W. M. BOYD, Esq., W. MEYERSON, Esq.,
 J. H. PINCKVOS, F. D. HITCH, Esq.,
 Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,
 Bankers.
 RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
 68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 per cent for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. 10c81

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000.00
 CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£300,000.00
 RESERVE FUND.....£425,000.00
 BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....£70,278.43
 DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS.....20 per cent.
 DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS, 25 per cent on the amount of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE Risks to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHAREHOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,
 Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20 per cent on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000
 Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000
 Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the Principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 per cent allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
 Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seminary Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

General Outfitter, Hoster, Tailor, &c.—F. N. DRISCOLL, 43 and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.M. the Governor.

Chromometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & Co., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition, and Sportsman's Requisites of all descriptions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gunmakers, Eastern House of Levensfield Arcade.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALIZED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, ... 10 cts. Hour, ... 20 cts.
 Three hours, ... 60 cts. Six hours, ... 70 cts.
 Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK.
 Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ... \$1.00
 Three Coolies, ... 0.85
 Two Coolies, ... 0.70

(Return direct or by Pok-fo-tum.)

Four Coolies, ... \$1.50
 Three Coolies, ... 1.25
 Two Coolies, ... 1.00

To VICTORIA GAF (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT.)

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ... \$0.60
 Three Coolies, ... 0.50
 Two Coolies, ... 0.40

(Return direct or by Pok-fo-tum.)

Four Coolies, ... \$1.00
 Three Coolies, ... 0.85
 Two Coolies, ... 0.70

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak).....\$0.75 each Coolie.
 (12 hours) Gap.....\$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, ... 10 cents.
 Half day, ... 35 cents.
 Day, ... 50 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 plants, per Day, ... \$3.00

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 plants, per Load, ... 3.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 plants, per Day, ... 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 plants, per Load, ... 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hs-tan Boat of 800 plants, per Day, ... 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hs-tan Boat of 800 plants, per Load, ... 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hs-tan Boat of 800 plants, Half Day, ... 50

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ... \$1.00

One Hour, ... 20

Half an Hour, ... 10

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

PULLAWAY BOATS.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, ... 25 cents.
 Half Day, ... 20
 Three Hours, ... 15
 One Hour, ... 10
 Half Hour, ... 5

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double; trouble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or cases may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except book side Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 6 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 2 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for Foreign Post Office is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed their dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.B. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, West Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, Chili, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route—

Letters, 10 cents per oz.

Post Cards, 8 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and 2 cents per oz.

Comm. Papers, 5

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom—

Letters, 10

Registration, 25

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

West India (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.,

Letters, 30

Registration, 50

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

A small extra charge is made on delivery.

There is Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents.

Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents.

Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, one of the following two rates of postage.

Letters, 10 cents.

Post Cards, 8 cents.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents.

Books, Patterns and 2 cents per oz.

Comm. Papers, 5

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom—

Letters, 10

Registration, 25

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

West India (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.,

Letters, 30

Registration, 50

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

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LOCAL DELIVERY.

1. All correspondence posted before 6 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China and Japan, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, & he may, on being necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Patterns.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small parcels by letter through the Post. False Curious Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on any parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Fakhai, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes Registration except to Japan, to which country parcels are forwarded at Book Rates, Registry being optional. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, Patterns, coverings no less, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, Ior, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the nature of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the sender against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewelry, precious articles, or anything that as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers—to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Patterns—to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dilatory act or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handemely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

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9. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand